

## Gilbert Owen Nations, Judge, Teacher and Editor, Dies at 83

Gilbert Owen Nations, 83, retired American University professor and editor of several Protestant journals, died unexpectedly last night in Park Ridge, Ill., where he was visiting a son.

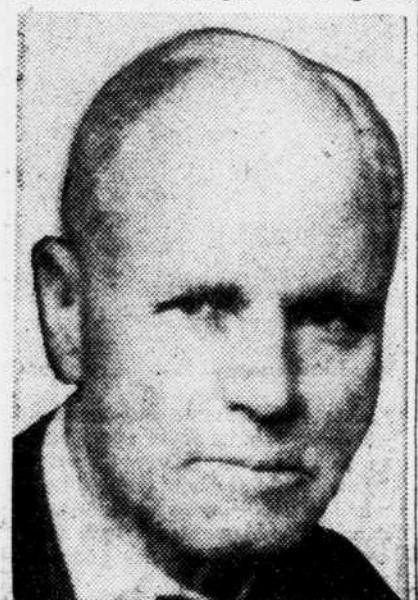
Judge Nations, a former county jurist in Missouri, was professor of Roman law, canon law and legal history at American University from 1920 to 1934. In 1924 he was candidate for the Presidency of the United States for the American Party, a third party group which was described at the time as seeking support from prohibitionist and Ku Klux Klan elements.

Judge Nations had edited three Protestant journals: The Menace, a Missouri periodical; The Protestant, a biweekly journal he published here from 1921 to 1931, and The Fellowship Forum, which he helped edit from 1931 to 1936 here.

**Longtime D. C. Resident.**  
Judge Nations had been a Washington resident since 1916. He served as an elder of the Ninth Street Christian Church for many years, and one of his principal interests was teaching the Berean Men's Bible Class there. He led the class for the last 25 years.

Born in Perry County, Mo., Judge Nations attended school in rural Missouri for only 27 months. The remainder of his study was on his own.

In 1890 he received a bachelor of science degree from National Normal University, Lebanon, Ohio. Hiram College, at Hiram, Ohio, awarded him a master of philosophy degree in 1900 and he won his Ph.D. at American University in 1919. His degree was one of the first doctor's degrees given by that university. Since that time, other colleges have given



GILBERT O. NATIONS.

Judge Nations honorary LL.D. and J.D. degrees.

**Was Probate Judge.**  
Admitted to the Missouri bar in 1902, Judge Nations was made a probate judge of St. Francis County. He practiced law in Missouri until he came to Washington as the Menace publishing company's representative. Then he remained here, declining to campaign actively when nominated by the American Party He was a 32d degree Mason.

A former Silver Spring resident, Judge Nations had been living recently with a daughter, Mrs. Zora C. Ritter, 2741 South Ullie street, Arlington. He was visiting a son, Karl, in Park Ridge since early December, but was planning to return here soon.

## Federal Prosecutors Meet With McGrath

United States attorneys from all parts of the country met with Attorney General McGrath today as a prelude to a conference on fighting big-time organized crime.

A Nation-wide drive against slot machines may be one of the results of the later meeting.

The Attorney General's annual closed-door meeting with Federal prosecutors will continue tomorrow.

On Wednesday representatives of four national groups will meet with the Federal attorneys and Justice Department officials, including those of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The Wednesday meeting will explore problems common to Federal, State and municipal enforcement officials. It is also expected to consider legislation helpful in fighting racketeering and crime "syndicates," which extend across State lines.

President Truman will address the meeting.

The organizations which will be represented are the American Municipal Association, the United States Conference of Mayors, the National Association of Attorneys General and the National Institute of Municipal Law Officers.

## Gambling

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for lawfully constituted authority," the grand jury said.

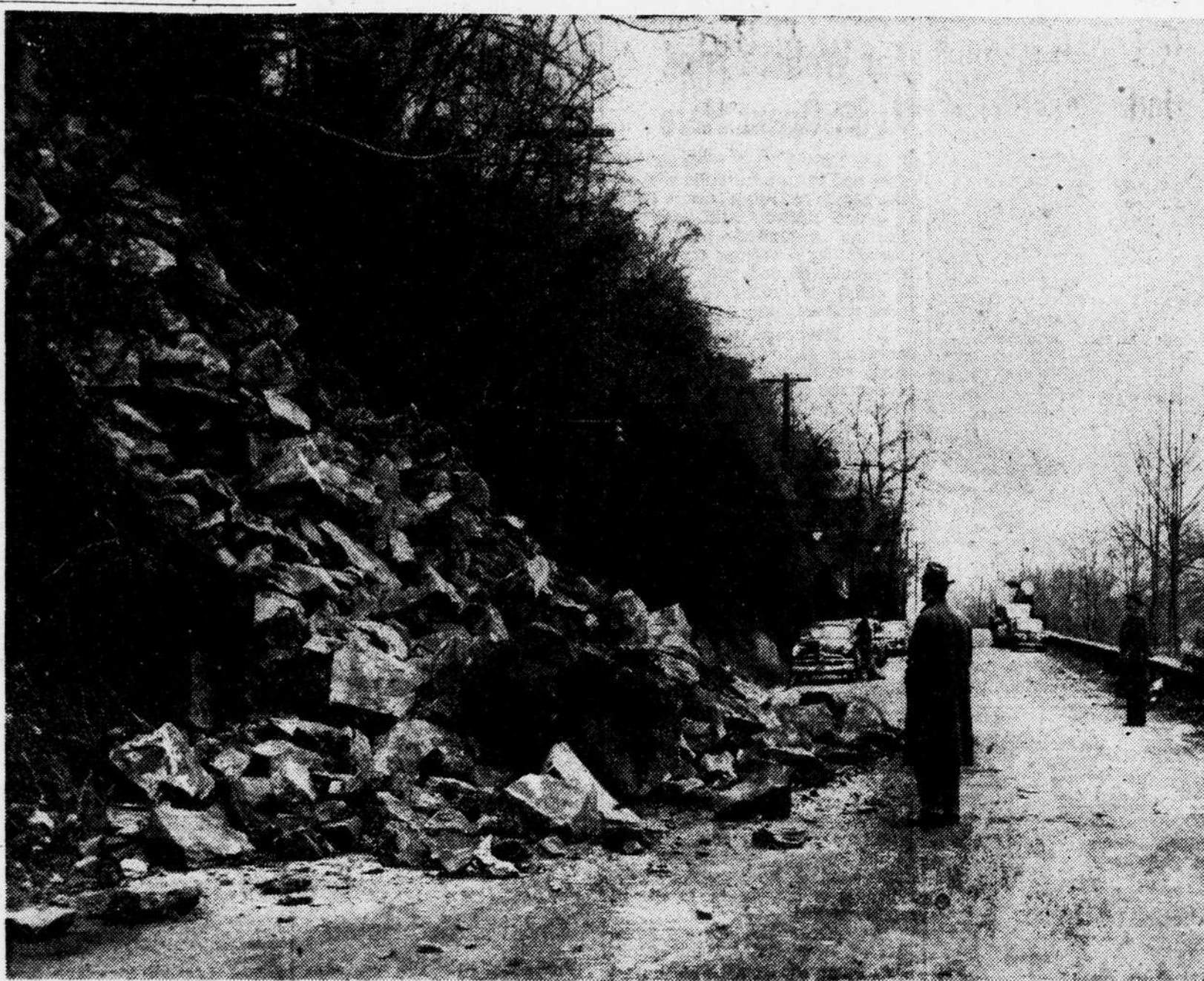
The jury viewed with particular concern the "testy" attitude of gamblers by the State line situation here, where three legal jurisdictions meet. The circumstance "has made it impossible for local police authorities to effectively control their operations," it said.

As a result, the report went on, present legislation cannot deal

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**CANAL ROAD TRAFFIC HAZARD**—With a roar like thunder, tons of rock slid down a 50-foot cliff on Canal road N.W. today, blocking traffic and giving Highway Department officials some anxious moments. Here is the net result. (Story on Page A-1.) —Star Staff Photo.

## 15,000 Visit Biers Of 2 Curley Children Who Died Same Day

By the Associated Press

BOSTON, Feb. 13.—A crowd estimated at 15,000 passed through the Jamaica home of former Mayor James M. Curley yesterday to pay respects to his two oldest surviving children, who died within 14 hours of each other Saturday.

Special police details diverted traffic as mourners formed long lines to wait to pass the biers of Mary Curley Donnelly, 41, and her brother, Leo Curley, 36.

Among the throng to visit the Curley home were the Most Rev. Richard J. Cushing, archbishop of Boston; Secretary of Labor Tobin; Representative Kennedy; Mayor John B. Hynes, who defeated Curley for re-election last November, and scores of other city and State officials.

**Holtzoff Explains Action.**  
Judge Holtzoff, in announcing he would order the report unsealed, said he realized such reports have no official status.

"The sole function of a grand jury is to return an indictment or ignore the charges presented to it," the judge declared. "While the court ordinarily will not accept such reports, the court feels this document may have public usefulness in the light of extraordinary and unusual circumstances."

Judge Holtzoff said he ordered the grand jury's report sealed when it was returned November 16 because he felt that publication of the report might be prejudicial to the defendants' gambling cases.

He added that it also would have been "inappropriate" to open the report while two convicted defendants sought release under bond pending appeal. The judge was referring to William "Snags" Lewis and Frank Billeci, who were freed under \$25,000 bond each by the Court of Appeals over the week end. They were among the 36 indicted by the special grand jury after a series of raids last March.

As far as the special grand

## ward C. Donnelly, Jr., an advertising executive, after eight years of marriage in 1943, played an active part in her 75-year-old father's many successful campaigns for Mayor, Governor and Congress.

She once served as his official hostess while he was Governor.

**Once Traffic Commissioner.**  
Leo Curley, who was with his wife, the former Catherine Sweeney of New York, when he died, served as Boston traffic commissioner until his father's defeat last November.

Their deaths brought to seven the number of deceased Curley children. Twin sons died at birth in 1921. Dorothea, 14, died in 1925; James Michael, Jr., 23, in 1930, and Paul, 32, in 1945.

Their mother, Mrs. Mary Herlihy Curley, died in 1930.

Besides the father, two brothers, George Curley and Frater Francis J. Curley, S. J., a Jesuit scholastic, and the former mayor's second wife also survive.

Archbishop Cushing will preside and deliver the eulogy at a solemn high funeral mass tomorrow at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. Burial will be in Mount Calvary Cemetery.

## Juvenile Gang Hunted In Robbery of 2 Boys

Police are looking for a gang of teen-age youths who knocked down and robbed two young boys as they played yesterday in the 3900 block of Minnesota avenue N.E.

The victims were Richard Rappa, 11, of 5812 Sixth street N.W., and Daniel De Fabio, Jr., 8, of 5817 Sixth street N.W. Both are students at Nativity Parochial School, 6000 Georgia avenue N.W.

The children said seven white boys held them down and put their hands over their eyes while they looted the pair's pockets. From Richard they took a \$5 bill which he had carried in his wallet since his grandmother gave it to him for Christmas. Daniel lost two religious medals his mother gave him earlier in the day.

Mrs. Daniel De Fabio, mother of one of the boys, said she and her husband were visiting friends in the 3900 block of Blaine street N.E. They took Daniel and his brother Thomas, 6, with them. The Rappas were there with Richard.

## Cave-in

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Foxhall to Reservoir roads, rerouting Chain Bridge traffic normally using the road.

Noting the hazards presented by the cracked cliff, the Highway Department moved in a crew and a power shovel preparatory to pulling down more of the rock. There was a delay in operations pending inspection of the property by the Interior Department, which has control of the land.

Engineers hoped to start another man-made slide with fire hose. If that fails, they probably will loosen the material with an explosive.

Several possible causes were suggested for the cave-in, which occurred about 5 a.m. One was that the vibration of passing streetcars, combined with recent rains, loosened the rocks. Blasting for a sewer laid along the road several years ago also was cited as a possible contributing factor.

About 100 yards east of the landslide, Mr. and Mrs. Charles West, 4221 Canal road N.W., told of being awakened early today by a noise they believed to be thunder. They did not learn about the landslide until several hours later.

Mr. West, who said the house has been located under the cliff for 50 years, had no immediate plans for vacating it.

## Dr. Copeland to Speak

Dr. Murray Copeland of the Georgetown University School of Medicine, will address the monthly meeting of the District League of Nursing Education at 4:30 p.m. Thursday at the university's school of nursing. He will discuss "Radio-active Isotopes—Action and Uses."

## Text of Grand Jury Report

The text of the special grand jury report on gambling, as released today, follows:

Whereas, the members of the additional grand jury of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, were duly empaneled and sworn on May 17, 1948, for the purpose of inquiring into violations of the gambling laws of the District of Columbia and other crimes resulting therefrom; and

Whereas, evidence presented to this additional grand jury has been of such a nature that it is deemed necessary and appropriate to bring to the attention of this honorable court its conclusions in connection therewith;

Now, therefore, this additional grand jury respectfully presents to this honorable court the following:

The members of the grand jury are of the unanimous opinion that organized gambling exists in the District of Columbia to a degree that indicates complete disregard for law and if left uncurbed constitutes a serious threat to the safety and welfare of this community.

## Interstate in Nature.

This threat exists by reason of the following facts:

1. Professional gambling in the District of Columbia is a large, lucrative and well organized business which in recent years has become interstate in nature and difficult to control. It is impossible to accurately estimate the volume of this business. However, it appears that in the metropolitan area of Washington, in one year, the numbers business record more than 65 million slips to record this type of bet. While nominal bets of five or ten cents are accepted, many players daily bet from \$1.00 to \$15.00 on the numbers. Moreover, those in authority estimate that the amount wagered illegally with bookmakers is from two to three times the amount bet at the tracks.

2. Professional gambling is a breeding ground for numerous other crimes, particularly crimes of violence growing out of efforts by professional gamblers to gain or retain control over gambling operations in this community. It necessarily follows that the more profitable such gambling becomes, the greater will be the incentive to the criminal element to seek control by force and violence.

3. Professional gamblers drain large sums of money from this area and pay little or nothing in Federal and local taxes.

4. Many professional gamblers in this jurisdiction have criminal records indicative of a complete and incurable contempt for lawfully constituted authority. Their possession of large sums of money gives them the means whereby they constantly seek to carry on their illegal activities with a minimum of interference.

## Telephone Facilities Vital.

Accordingly, we have found:

1. Professional gambling in the District of Columbia is not local in character. Gambling headquarters are maintained in adjoining States and the business is actively conducted by "and" conducted in alliance with large professional gambling syndicates operating on a Nation-wide scale throughout the United States. The safety afforded professional gamblers by State lines has made it impossible for local police authorities to effectively control their operations. This results from the fact that the gambling statutes now in effect in the District of Columbia have lost their efficacy due to changed conditions. The statutes were written to meet a purely local problem which at that time had not reached its present financial and geographical proportions. As a result there is not, at the present, sufficient legislation to adequately

deal with the interstate problems of local professional gambling.

2. It is impossible for the professional gamblers to conduct large-scale operations without utilizing telephone facilities for the solicitation of bets and for making layoff bets. Organized gambling likewise cannot exist without the aid of telephone, telegraphic, radio or television facilities for rapid receipt of racing results. We believe that enforcement of local gambling laws will be extremely difficult as long as racing information can be instantaneously transmitted to bookmaking establishments. A forward step has been taken by the Federal Communications Commission's requirement for the filing of telephone and telegraph tariff regulations which forbid the use of these instrumentalities for illegal purposes.

## Confiscation of Autos Urged.

3. The numbers business in the District of Columbia requires the regular use of automobiles and other motor conveyances not only for the collection of numbers slips and bets, but for the transmission of such slips and bets for recording and checking at central points here and in adjoining States. There is at present no statutory provision for the confiscation of such vehicles by the court. We do not believe that a motor vehicle should be confiscated because of an isolated or technical violation of the gaming laws. We do believe, however, that where the evidence clearly discloses that motor vehicles are used regularly in carrying on the business of local professional gamblers in the District of Columbia and in neighboring States, there should be some provision of law permitting the court to confiscate these vehicles.

4. Professional gambling operations in the District of Columbia are conducted to a large extent behind fronts of supposedly legitimate businesses. These include certain restaurants, liquor stores, poolrooms, news stands, taxicabs and other businesses which are licensed under various provisions of the District of Columbia code. The continued close scrutiny of the applications for these licenses and renewals thereof can be an effective check against their illegal use.

5. The work assigned to this grand jury was from its very nature investigative. It endeavored to ascertain the pertinent facts relating to the operations of professional gambling in the District of Columbia and was able to concentrate on this inquiry as the regularly empaneled grand jury heard those gambling cases brought in by law enforcement agencies which warranted presentation to a grand jury.

During the investigation the United States attorney's office received and turned over to the

grand jury more than 100 communications relating to professional gambling in the District of Columbia. These communications were studied by us and the information therein pertinent to local aspects of gambling were transmitted to the Metropolitan Police Department.

Very early in the investigation we ascertained that the most important phase of local professional gambling, and the most difficult to deal with, was the interstate nature of its operation. Throughout the investigation, therefore, we gave special emphasis to that problem.

We found that the men behind organized gambling rings operating in the District of Columbia protected themselves by maintaining their headquarters in adjoining States. These men were careful to insulate themselves from actual betting transactions, leaving such matters to lieutenants or front men, who likewise made constant use of the protection afforded by State lines.

The staff employed to assist us in our inquiries consisted of three trained men who were retained on a part-time basis. It was therefore only possible to have a complete investigation in a few major cases having interstate phases. This grand jury returned indictments in the few major cases presented to it. The pattern of operations in these cases was similar and illustrative of the methods used by professional gamblers in this area.

## Gamblers' Exodus Noted.

It appears that shortly after this grand jury was convened, many well known gamblers left the Metropolitan Area and later returned to their headquarters and hideouts in adjoining States.

All professional gamblers successfully served with process were brought before the grand jury and questioned, particularly on their income and the payment of taxes thereon. All evidence of income and failure to pay taxes was referred to the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

Numerous other witnesses appeared before us and gave testimony, some appearing voluntarily and others in response to subpoena. Many of those who testified stated that they did so only in light of the secret nature of grand jury proceedings and the protection afforded thereby.

A complete and detailed report of this grand jury which has functioned during a period of 18 months would of necessity be lengthy and involved. We have accordingly set forth in this report only the basic facts ascertained from our investigation.

Washington, D. C.  
November 16, 1949.

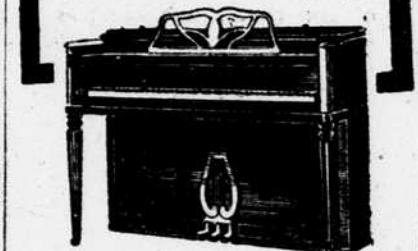
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